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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE CAPTURES IN PALESTINE.

Two Turkish Armies Without Guns.

FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND PRISONERS TAKEN.

London, September 25.
Reuter learns that the 265 guns which have been captured in Palestine are believed to be the whole of the guns in possession of two Turkish Armies. Cavalry is quite close to Amman. On the Hedjaz Railway the Arabs have captured Jordan, three miles north of Meen and the position of the Turkish force, now broken in two eastwards of the Jordan and both positions cut off from Damascus, is critical. Probably few of the Turkish fighting force will escape.

The Capture of Haifa.

London, September 24.
Reuter's correspondent in Palestine, writing yesterday, says:—A few hundred Turks at Haifa retarded our advance until overcome, the enemy guns holding out till their ammunition was spent. The population at Haifa, including German colonists, enthusiastically welcomed the British.

Characteristics of the strained German-Turkish relations was an incident when a captured German Major, who was attempting to flee with other Germans, was forced by the Turks to participate in the defence of Haifa. The administration of the town has been taken over without the slightest hitch.

45,000 Prisoners.

London, September 26.
Reuter learns that the prisoners taken in Palestine now number 45,000.

CONTINUED SUCCESSES IN MACEDONIA.

Allies Capture Important Road.

SERBIAN TROOPS OCCUPY ISHTIP.

London, September 25.
Reuter learns that on the Salonica front the whole Monastir-Pirlepe-Gradsko Road, connecting the two Bulgarian Armies, is now in the hands of the Allies, whose cavalry is within ten miles of the second line, Vele, Ishtip and Pirlepe. The enemy is fighting desperately to retain possession of this road and also the sector west of Pirlepe. The Allies, however, are as near Uskub as the enemy, the occupation of which would be most important. We hold the Vardar from Ghevgeli to Gradsko.

The Serbians continue to take prisoners and have captured another thirty guns, additional to those previously reported.

Allies Still Advancing.

London, September 26.
A French Eastern communique states:—Despite fresh reinforcements of German troops, the enemy is obliged to continue his retreat northwards. Strong rearguards are still desperately resisting north-west of Monastir.

The Allies have advanced beyond Pirlepe and are progressing towards the Krushevo, Kichevo and Vele roads.

The Serbians in the centre have carried Popadija massif, eastwards of Babuna, and gained ground westwards of the Lower Cerna. They have also enlarged the bridgehead north of the Vardar and captured heights between the Vardar and Krivalakvitsa Valley, where the enemy is hastily entrenching.

On the right wing, the British, French and Greek troops have thrown a strong advance guard across the Vardar at Gradets and Hadzita and captured Karabasi massif, north of Lake Doiran. The booty is increasing. Thirty guns were captured on the 23rd inst., also railway material.

Ishtip Captured.

London, September 26.
Reuter learns that the Serbians have captured Ishtip.

Bulgaria Entered.

London, September 26.
A British Salonica official message says:—British troops have entered Bulgaria.

COUNT HERTLING'S SPEECH.

Restriction of Armaments Again Raised.

London, September 25.
In his speech in the Reichstag, Count Hertling reiterated his entire sympathy with the idea of a League of Nations, provided equal rights to all members of the League were guaranteed. He also reiterated that the idea of restriction of armaments was thoroughly capable of discussion and concluded by recapitulating his previous views regarding the freedom of the seas.

Herr Brüninghaus, speaking on behalf of the Admiralty, declared that more U boats were now in operation than at any period since the war.

"Old Fallacies and Arguments."

London, September 26.
The newspapers describe Count Hertling's speech as the speech of a falling Minister in a dying system mulling old fallacies and arguments because he knows his position is insecure. He said nothing to remove the Allies' objection to the whole German programme, namely that Germany cannot be trusted.

Some Passages Hissed.

Amsterdam, September 25.
The German newspapers comment unfavourably on Count Hertling's speech. The *Lokal Anzeiger* admits that the speech was received in icy silence, while some passages were hissed. The *Topical* says:—One finds no reference in the speech to all the burning questions of vital interest to the life of the nation. Count Hertling fails to understand our present needs.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

SHARP FIGHTING IN FRANCE.

Enemy Efforts Prove Futile.

A BIG HAUL OF GERMAN AEROPLANES.

London, September 25.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—There was sharp local fighting this morning in the neighbourhood of Salency, which we captured with several prisoners.

Our rifle and machine-gun fire broke up with loss three counter-attacks north-west of Fysyt.

We beat off the enemy's attempted surprise attack eastward of Epehy. Many German dead being left in front of our position.

We repulsed raiders at night-time south-east of Inchy.

A strong enemy party entered a post in the neighbourhood of Moeuvres, but was ejected by a counter-attack.

Futile Enemy Efforts.

London, September 26.
A French communique states:—West of St. Quentin the enemy in the afternoon attempted to eject us from Epiole de Dallon. All his assaults were repulsed.

Between the Ailette and the Aisne, the day was marked by violent enemy reactions on Moisy Farm plateau and in the region north of Allemant, where there was desperate fighting all day long. Despite repeated efforts, the enemy failed to recover our gains of previous days. He lost heavily and left prisoners.

Over Fifty German Aeroplanes Accounted For.

London, September 25.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, says:—Two thousand photographs were taken on the 24th inst. Observers reported much damage to enemy battery positions as a result of our artillery fire. We dropped 123 tons of bombs, two aerodromes and several rail junctions being heavily attacked. There was much air fighting. We destroyed thirty-one aeroplanes and drove down twenty-two. Ten British machines are missing. Eight enemy balloons were destroyed.

Explaining a Defeat.

London, September 26.
Writing yesterday, Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters says a confidential Order by General Ludendorff, dated the 11th inst., admits the defeat of General Marwitz's Second Army, which he attributes to the troops allowing themselves to be surprised by a mass attack by tanks and inadequate artillery reserves. He gives elaborate and detailed instructions regarding measures to fight the tanks, declaring it as absolutely inadmissible that the tanks, after penetrating advanced lines, should be able to push forward for miles. He deplores the disappearance of the principle that troops must hold out to the last man.

More Good Work by the British.

London, September 26.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We successfully continued local operations during the afternoon and night north-west of St. Quentin.

The English progressed and captured certain strongly-defended localities in the neighbourhoods of Salency, and Gricourt and a number of prisoners.

Besides counter-attacks launched by the enemy north-west of Fysyt, he also twice unsuccessfully attacked us north of Gricourt.

The English in a successful minor operation north-west of La Bassée advanced their line and took prisoner over one hundred. We repulsed a counter-attack in this locality at night-time, taking several prisoners.

We improved our positions slightly north-west of Armentières and took prisoners in patrol encounters and raids between Armentières and Ypres.

A German Communique.

London, September 26.
A German official wireless message says:—The enemy temporarily gained a footing on a height between Pontreux and Tricourt, but our counter-attack recaptured it. The French made small breaches in our positions between Francilly and the Somme.

THE MILITARY SITUATION.

German Alarm at Allied Successes.

Amsterdam, September 25.
The Entente success in Macedonia and Palestine has greatly alarmed the *Frankfurter Zeitung*, which cannot refrain from paying a tribute to the enemy's strategic skill. It says the Entente, and especially the English, show themselves again as masters in Colonial warfare and also admits that the point of the breakthrough in Macedonia was most cleverly chosen. The paper urges the Central Powers to tackle the problem of defence, as "the enemy has caused us serious military damage."

More German "Explanations."

London, September 25.
In his speech in the Reichstag, General von Wrisberg said the German withdrawals in Flanders were made in order to prevent an enveloping British attack. Dealing with the St. Mihiel salient, General von Wrisberg said:—"The American Armies should not terrify us; we shall also settle with them." He admitted the Allied successes in the Balkans and Palestine. He claimed that the German Army was now adequately armed against tanks. Summing up the general military situation, General von Wrisberg said:—"Despite material losses, we are well protected."

CLYDE SHIPYARD STRIKE.

Necessity for Quick Government Action.

London, September 26.
A statement from a reliable source regarding a strike among the Clyde shipwrights and other shipyard trades, which has spread to Barrow and the east coast of Scotland, points out that the action of the men, who demand a minimum wage of 25 weekly, is disavowed by their Executives. Moreover it is a repudiation of the undertaking by the Shipyard's Trade Unions that there would be no stoppages of work contained in a scheme to secure the utmost production which was framed by them and their employers last April.

As ship production is a most national necessity, the Government must act promptly. The law provides three methods:—Enlistment in the Army of strikers of military age; prosecution of the ringleaders under the Defence of the Realm Act; and the Appling of strikers by the Munitions Tribunal. The decision of the Government will probably be announced very shortly.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

Bolshevik Agent Leaving England.

London, September 25.
M. Litvinoff, the Bolshevik Agent in Britain, accompanied by fifty-four compatriots, is leaving London today for a neutral port en route to Russia. It is stated that Britain's representatives in Russia are en route to England.

Former War Ministers Sentenced to Death.

Amsterdam, September 26.
The *Rheinische Westfälische Zeitung* says a message from Moscow announces that the Revolutionary Tribunal has condemned to death the former War Ministers, M. Anolivauff and M. Wierchevski, but the sentences are not to be executed at present.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR ON THE WAR SITUATION.

Deep Discontent in Germany.

Amsterdam, Sept. 24.
The German Chancellor, Count Hertling, in his speech at the opening of the Main Committee of the Reichstag, said:—"You are aware of the deep discontent which prevails in wide circles of the population, due to the terrible war pressure and consequent sufferings and deprivations; but if discontent arises from the military situation it far exceeds justifiable limits." Referring to the failure of the summer offensive he admitted that the situation was grave, but there was no reason for faintheartedness. He argued that the situation was not so bad as that of summer 1916. Reviewing the eastern situation he admitted that the future appeared unclear and uncertain, but the former menace had disappeared. Hence a considerable part of the eastern army could be employed in the west.

After attributing American war enthusiasm partly to huge profits from armaments and speering at the British recognition of "that conglomerate rabble, the Crocho-Slovaks" as a belligerent power, Count Hertling declared that the German iron wall on the West front would not be broken. The submarines were slowly, but surely, fulfilling their task of diminishing tonnage, thus above all menacing and restricting reinforcements of men and material from the United States.

The hour must come when our enemies will see reason and be ready to make an end of war before half the world is ruined and the flower of manhood dead on the battlefield. Meanwhile our business is to stand together, cool, confident and resolute, in the protection of the fatherland.

An Awkward Reminder.

London, Sept. 25.
Simultaneously with Count Hertling's defence that Germany invaded Belgium as a defensive measure, the *"Weser Zeitung"* quotes a chapter of Herr Erzberger's new book on the League of Nations wherein Erzberger states that not a single valid documentary proof of intention on the part of the French to cross the frontier can be brought forward. It is even established from the German side that the French plans of mobilization did not provide for entering Belgium.

Foreign Secretary's Speech.

London, Sept. 25.
Speaking in the Reichstag, Admiral von Hintze, referring to peace in the east, said:—"It is to our interest and the interest of the German Empire and its Allies to adhere to the peace of Brest Litovsk as long as it is at all possible." In the course of a review of the world situation he mentioned the Allied expeditions in Russia and said that it was unlikely that the Allies would advance further from Murman, owing to the various difficulties. He stated that Germany had agreed to hand over to Spain one of the interned German ships for the duration of the war against proper compensation for every Spanish ship Germany had sunk.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

German Attack Fails.

London, Sept. 25.
A French communique states: There was artillery activity at night-time in the regions of St. Quentin and between the Ailette and the Aisne. A German attack in the region of Moisy Farm failed completely. On the Vesle front there is a fairly lively artillery struggle. We repulsed enemy raids in Champagne and Lorraine and carried out a successful raid in Lorraine.

A wireless German official message says: The Anglo-French resumed their attack against Saint Quentin and gained a footing at Pontreux, Gricourt, Francilly and Salency, but we re-captured Pontreux and Gricourt.

Fighting on British Front.

London, Sept. 25.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig says: We further progressed in evening of the 24th and at night-time in the neighbourhood of Salency and at Gricourt. The enemy counter-attacked several times, twice in great strength, northward of Gricourt but was repulsed on both occasions. Two companies of the 2nd Battalion Royal Sussex in one instance met the enemy with the bayonet inflicting heavy casualties and capturing a number. The enemy in the evening re-attacked at Gricourt and at first made progress but we immediately counter-attacked and completely restored the situation making prisoners of forty. We captured a thousand and took a large number of machine-guns, north-westward of St. Quentin on Tuesday. A successful minor operation on Monday night slightly advanced our line south-eastward of Inchy. We repulsed raids eastward of Domicourt, northward of Lens. The enemy in raiding westward of Bauchy Centzhy captured a British post and a few of ours are missing. The enemy re-attacked the same post and was repulsed. We successfully raided in the Wulverghem sector where we captured a few.

Uneasy About Alsace-Lorraine.

Amsterdam, Sept. 25.
Berlin announces that arrangements are being made to expedite the evacuation of civilians at Metz and other places in Alsace-Lorraine, likely to come within range of the enemy long range guns. This is the first public admission of the German High Command's anxiety as regards Alsace-Lorraine.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph.")

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, Sept. 24.
The silver market is steady.

ANNA HELD DEAD.

A Popular American Actress.

Anna Held, one of the most popular performers on the musical comedy stage, says the *New York Evening Post* died recently at her home in the Hotel Savoy, this city, after a long illness, at the age of forty-five years. She was born in Warsaw of humble parentage, her father being a glove stitcher. When she was a little girl her father left Poland for Paris, and there she helped to bring money into the family coffers by singing and dancing in the cafes.

Although only a slip of a girl, Miss Held had already learned the trick of using her eyes, which afterward became a great part of her charm, and she soon became popular among the students of the Quartier Latin. As she grew older she worked in a shop where fur caps were manufactured, and then her father died and she went to London to live with relatives of her mother in the Whitechapel district, where the manager of a music hall saw her and gave her first chance to appear on a real stage.

It did not take long for Miss Held to become popular, and she attained great local fame as the Little Whitechapel Beauty. Then she went on a short tour in Holland, and in 1889 returned to Paris, where she was cordially welcomed, and soon became the rage for her beauty, grace, and impudence in the field of operetta and musical comedy. For seven years she remained in Paris, making occasional tours of Europe, and then, in 1896, came to this country, under the management of Florenz Ziegfeld, Jr.

Miss Held arrived here in September twenty-two years ago, and appeared in the Herald Square Theatre, when she made an instant hit with her songs, which at once became the rage, "Won't you come and play with me" and "I just can't make my eyes behave." Afterward she appeared for many years in musical comedies, such as "La Poupée," "Papa's Wife," "The Little Dutchess," "The Parisian Model," and "Miss Innocence." She earned a popularity attained by very few entertainers of her class, and was known all over the country, even in the smallest towns, from coast to coast. In late years she had appeared from time to time in this city, but her seasons were short. Her last appearance was in "Follow Me" at the Casino 450 seasons ago.

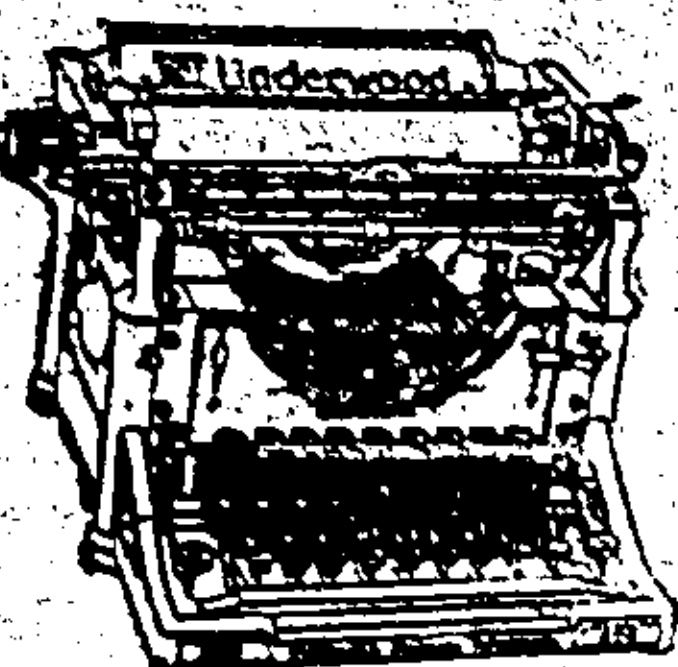
In 1897 Miss Held was married to her manager, Ziegfeld, and began suit for divorce in 1912, which was granted three years later. Before coming to this country she had a child by a previous marriage—Liane Carrara, herself a singer and dancer, and now twenty-four years old. She was seized with a mysterious illness in January while playing in Milwaukee, and for a long time the physicians were baffled, but it was afterwards established, according to the best medical opinion, that she was suffering from an advanced form of arthritis, which was the cause of her death. Few women have been so popular among their associates on and off the stage, and men and women, even in those with the smallest parts in her companies, were certain of her care and the righting of their wrongs, and that is how it was that they might all be right.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Escorts for Hospital Ships.
The Admiralty, Mr. Bonar Law
announced in the House of Com-
mons recently, are considering the
question of providing escorts for
hospital ships. Germany's state-
ment that the *Llandovery Castle*
was sunk by a British mine was
contradicted, he pointed out by
the official report.

Proposed Luxury Tax in Japan.
It is reported that the Japan
Finance Department is contem-
plating creating a luxury tax. It
is believed there will be consider-
able difficulties attendant upon
the execution of the proposal,
while some authorities concerned
are reported to be strongly
opposed to the idea. It is there-
fore problematical whether the
proposal will materialize, but
nevertheless authorities are mak-
ing preliminary investigations on
the subject.

A Grading "Crusade."
"What is the good of sending
a man of this kind into the Army?
It is an act of cruelty to him and
a waste of the country's
money," observed Mr. A. H.
Richardson, M.P., at the Law
Society Tribunal recently. The
man suffered from epilepsy,
paralysis and incipient pulmonary
tuberculosis. Another applicant
suffered from epilepsy. Two
doctors testified that they had
seen him in fits. He had been
passed Grade III. He was given
time to obtain national work.

Over 3,500 Prosecutions.
According to information reach-
ing the Japanese Judicial
Department, the total number of
persons prosecuted in connection
with the recent riots through-
out the country (except those in
Hiroshima and a few other places,
of which details are not yet
known) is 3,512. The list is
headed by N-goya with 340 pro-
secutions, followed by Wakayama,
Yamaguchi, and Fukuoka each
with 300. Next comes Tokyo with
280, Kobe with 250, and Osaka
with 200, while the figure for
Kyoto is 100.

Long-Distance Telephony.
It was originally decided to
open a new direct telephone ser-
vice between Tokyo and Kobe,
Osaka and Shimonoseki, and
Kobe and Moji from next year.
In view of the exigencies of the
military situation, however, the
authorities have accelerated the
programme and arranged to open
the service from early next
month. It is understood that
work is proceeding day and night.
The new lines are being laid on
the upper part of the existing
standards, and these operations
are held to be responsible for the
present unsatisfactory conditions
of communication by through
telephone between Tokyo and
Shimonoseki.

Ordered to Leave Cardiff.
Mr. William B. Bonfield, the
well-known Cardiff coal exporter,
sought in the King's Bench
Division recently to have set aside
an order by the military authori-
ties expelling him from Cardiff
at four days' notice. Mr. Bon-
field is of Scandinavian, not
German, origin, and he emphati-
cally denied that he gave, or was
present at, a "dinner to celebrate
the sinking of the *Lancaster*,"
Rumours about this came through
the channel of his wife's washer-
woman. Mr. Justice Darling
said he was satisfied that Colonel
Phillips, for the military authori-
ties, honestly respected the
plaintiff. The police report on
which he acted was withheld for
reasons of State. Judgment
would be for the authorities with
costs.

Hebrew University at Jerusalem.
On a site purchased before the
war at Mount Scopus, near Jeru-
salem, the ceremony of laying the
foundation stone of a Hebrew
university has taken place. The
erection of this university is an
important part of the Zionist
programme. The ceremony was
attended by General Allenby,
officers of the French and Italian
detachments in Palestine, a repre-
sentative gathering of Palestin-
ian Jews, a deputation of Egyp-
tian Jews, and the heads of other
communities. Twelve stones,
symbolical of the Twelve Tribes
of Israel, were laid, the first by
Dr. Weizmann, the others by
representatives of the various
branches of Jewish life in Pale-
stine and the Diaspora. Chitra
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GENERAL NEWS.

D.S.O. Precedence.
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Exchange of Prisoners.
It is officially stated that Sir George Cave's figure of 120,000 as the total number of combatants and male civilians eligible for repatriation under The Hague Agreement includes the number of British and German prisoners of war, both combatants and civilians. As to officers, it is understood that only those now in Holland or Switzerland will return to this country, and that the existing arrangement for the internment in a neutral country of other officers who have been 18 months in captivity will continue to have effect.

Starts His Son for Berlin.
Mr. Reuben W. Milton, a Missouri Pacific engineer, of Joplin, Mo., was perfectly willing that his son, Earl R. Milton, should go to war as a marine, but he wanted to drive the train that carried the boy on the first lap of his journey to Berlin. According to the story as they are telling it at the recruiting office of the United States Marines, young Milton was to go to Kansas City from Joplin with two of his pals to enlist, but his transportation road via the Frisco line. At the request of the elder Milton, they were transferred to the Missouri Pacific, and Milton, the engineer, drove the train carrying the three embryo "devils dogs."

Austrian Emperor Slandered.
It would appear that strange rumours are afloat in Austria with regard to the relations existing between the Emperor Charles and his Consort. These rumours have obtained such currency that Dr. Seidler has been obliged to make a statement, in which he expressed the utmost indignation at the "abominable asseritions, totally unfounded, which have been made about the Imperial couple." The former Foreign Secretary, Count Czernin, has had an audience with the Emperor. This audience, which lasted a considerable time, has attracted much attention, and is associated with these rumours, as well as others bearing upon the part which the brother of the Empress Zita has played in the war, and the Austrian peace feelers which are supposed to have been put out.

Bohemian Woman Sentenced to Death.

Milado Jamschek, a Bohemian woman teacher of languages, has been sentenced to death by the Military Tribunal of Vienna on charges of espionage. She travelled from New York by the steamer carrying Count Bernstorff and other members of the German Embassy, and she was accused of having made this journey under the instructions of the Czech organisations in America with the object of ascertaining from conversations with Count Bernstorff how far Austria was under the influence of Germany, what prospects Austria had of making a separate peace, and also the general feeling in Bohemia, especially the attitude of the Czech Deputies, on the question of the independence of the Czech countries. Miss Jamschek denied having acted with any criminal intent, her only thought, she said, having been to bring good news to her countrymen from America.

The Covent Garden Estate.
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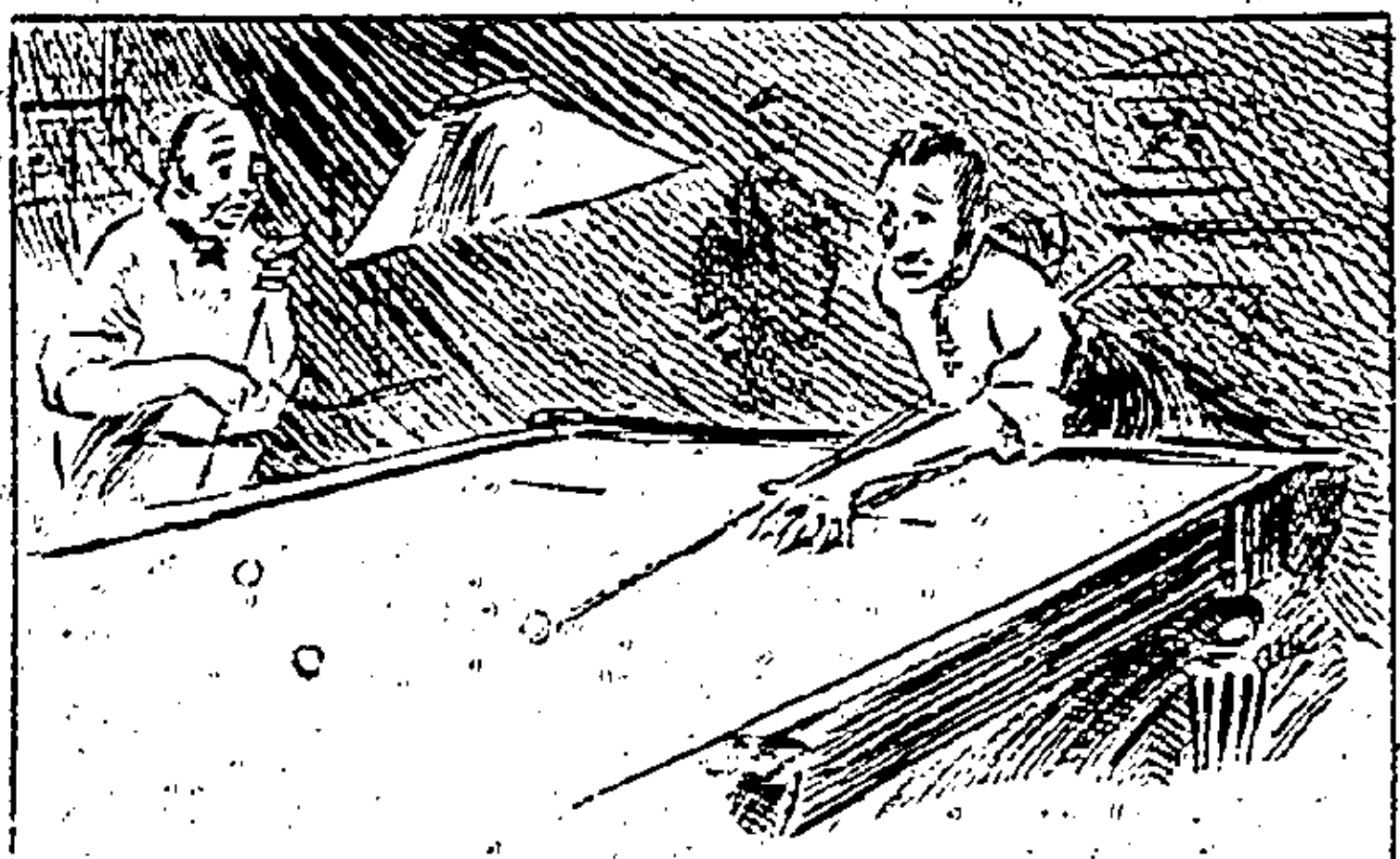
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1918.

GERMANY'S HALTING EXCUSES.

It is characteristic of the bully, when he is losing a fight, to want to cease battling and attempt by laborious explanations to show that it was his opponent who was responsible for the commencement of the trouble while he himself is entirely innocent. Thus it comes about that at this time of the day the German Chancellor (Count Hertling) displays a deep anxiety to impress on the world that when Germany invaded Belgium and thus started the war she was merely acting in self-defence. We have the old story brought forward again that the Germans entered Belgian territory, not with a desire to invade the country, but because of an imaginary fear that if they did not act quickly the Entente Powers would forestall them and begin an invasion of the Fatherland. The idea, of course, is sheer idiotic nonsense, and no-one but a German Minister hard up for an excuse would trot out such a palpably thin attempt at justification. The reference is, of course, to France, but it is unfortunate for Count Hertling that all Germans do not think alike on this matter of the invasion of Belgium and that Herr Erzberger has now openly declared that there is no valid proof of France's intention to cross the frontier, while it was even known in Germany that the French mobilisation plans did not provide for entering Belgium. Those facts are sufficient to damn Count Hertling's weak defence, and they damn it out of the mouth of a German, too.

When the war broke out, the then German Chancellor defended the crime of violating the neutrality of a weak State by giving expression to the peculiarly Prussian notion that "necessity knows no law." That clearly showed that Germany deliberately brushed aside her promise to respect the integrity of Belgium merely because it paid her to do so. Now Count Hertling drags out the old excuse of the invasion being necessitated "in order to defend ourselves," and poses as being hurt because the first Chancellor's unfortunate phrase has been given its true meaning by the Allies. That is typically German. Germany claims a clear conscience on the point because, as Count Hertling says, "she offered the Belgians money for a promise of neutrality." Here we have Prussian morality at its best. This statement, plainly interpreted, means that Belgium was asked to sell her independence and sacrifice her integrity to suit German convenience. A money bribe was offered her to keep her quiet and to let the Huns utilise the country as a jumping-off base in their designs against the Allies. But Belgium was, happily, not to be bought. Even were she inclined to listen to the voice of the charmer, we know now what value would attach to a promise of money from a nation which openly regarded international agreements as "scraps of paper."

It is late in the day now for the Huns to attempt to push the blame for starting the war on to the shoulders of others. Once more we are able to convict Germany out of her own mouth. Prince Lieknowsky, who is in disgrace in his own country because of his love for truth, in his famous Memoirs categorically states that a word from Berlin in the days immediately preceding the declaration of war would have been sufficient to have prevented the catastrophe, but he says that the German leaders "urged in the direction of war." Elsewhere in his document he traces the German desire for a trial of military strength, and asserts that in view of the facts "it is no wonder that the whole of the civilised world outside Germany places the entire responsibility for the world-war upon our shoulders." That is the best answer that can be given to Count Hertling's non-sensical blather about Germany having "a clear conscience." Germany planned this war coolly and deliberately. She thought she saw her chance. She misjudged the forces of civilisation. She is doomed to a bitter and humiliating defeat.

The Housing Outlook.

If evidence were wanted of the serious shortage of housing accommodation in Hongkong it could be furnished in huge quantities by one or two advertisers who recently have had half a house or a flat to let. We have heard of instances in which the advertisers have been simply besieged by applicants seeking a home. If the situation is so bad now, what will it be when the war ends? In this regard there is a most important factor to be taken into account. At the present moment we believe there are in Hongkong over twenty civilian families finding temporary accommodation in military quarters, while at Kowloon some forty or fifty houses formerly in military occupation are now tenanted by civilians. What is to happen to these people when the war ends if, as seems likely, the Military reoccupy the quarters? There will be some sixty families to provide for, to say nothing of the expected return to the Colony of people who will remain at home so long as the war lasts. Hard facts like these will need to be legislated for in advance, and they show that, bad as the outlook now is, it will be a hundred times worse when peace comes, unless in the meantime practical measures are taken to deal with the question. We commend this aspect of the problem to the notice of the authorities.

The Strikes at Home.

The temper of some of the workers at home does not appear to be altogether what it might be, judging from the frequency of strike movement. Only a few days ago, we had the cotton operatives' strike, now railwaymen have "come out," while today's telegrams speak of what looks like a possibly serious interference with the shipping output. All these instances of labour unrest appear to hang on the question of wages, though from what we hear the average worker at home has never been so liberally paid and never enjoyed such luxuries as are within his reach to-day. That there is some ground for thinking that the demands are not wholly reasonable is shown in the case of the railway strike, inasmuch as the men concerned have struck despite the fact that they have been granted an increase approved by their own Union. As the President of the Board of Trade points out, the issue thus raised is whether a small section of the community shall coerce the Government in a matter upon which a settlement has been arrived at after negotiations with the men themselves. The annoying feature of all these strikes is that they affect trades of the most vital concern at the present moment, and for that reason the action of the strikers is to be condemned, especially when they must know that they are seriously letting down the fighters at the front.

More German Bombast.

In the face of recent events in France, the latest declaration of General von Weizsacker in the Reichstag concerning the Americans, makes a somewhat amusing reading. He says:—"The American Armies should not terrify us; we shall also settle with them." This sort of bombast has done good work in Germany in the past, bolstering up the flagging spirits of her troops and more especially of her civil population, but now it seems rather fatuous in face of the continued successes of our American Allies. The brilliant victory at St. Mihiel should be enough to demonstrate this fact to the Germans, but if a further and more potent proof is required, let her consider the iron resolution and indefatigable tenacity of the American nation as a whole. An example of this is to be seen in the prompt and vigorous reply of President Wilson to the Austrian peace feeler, which typifies the inexorable purpose of our Ally to continue the struggle to a victorious end, and bring Germany to her knees. The whole world has to take a terrible revenge and America, like the other Allies, is going to see that Germany's debt is paid in full. How foolish these utterances of the German leaders appear in the face of these facts: surely it is time they tried to find other means to keep down the growing uneasiness of the German nation.

DAY BY DAY.

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The Dollar.

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To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 66th birthday of Viscount French of Ypres.

Health Return.

During yesterday there was notified one non-fatal case of diphtheria, the sufferer being a Britisher.

A Fire.

A fire took place early this morning at No. 111, Wing Lok Street, and within three quarters of an hour the whole house was completely gutted. The Police were early on the scene. The cause of the fire and the amount of damage are as yet unknown.

Possession of Dagger.
A Chinese was charged at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, with being in unlawful possession of a dagger. Sgt. Blackman prosecuted and said he had been instructed by Mr. King, A.S.P., to have the case remanded till Tuesday. His Worship accordingly remanded the case till Tuesday at 10 a.m., bail being allowed at \$5.00.

Chair and Ricksha Coolies.
Several chair-bearers were charged at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, with various breaches of the regulations, such as rushing at passengers, soliciting fares, loitering in the streets and being improperly dressed. His Worship imposed fines ranging from \$3 to \$5. Several rickshaw pullers were charged with similar offences. His Worship imposed fines ranging from \$3 to \$5. Inspector Garrard prosecuted in all the above cases.

Kidnapping Charge.

A Chinese man and a woman were charged at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, with kidnapping a child. Inspector Kent prosecuted and said that on the 24th instant a Chinese constable was on duty in plain clothes when he saw a small child being led by the hand in Ladder Street. The constable noted that the boy did not seem very willing to go with the adults, so he questioned them about the child. Not being satisfied with their replies, he arrested them. He (Inspector Kent) then questioned the boy but not getting any satisfactory information he sent the boy, together with the defendants, to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. The boy then told the S.C.A. that his parents were in Kwongai and that he was being brought down by the defendant. On further enquiries being made, it was found that the other defendant was implicated. He asked for a week's remand, as investigations were now being made in the country. His Worship remanded the case till next Thursday.

WAR-PROFITS IN KOBE.

How Shipping Men are Affected.

We have already given some details of the amounts of war-profits assessed by the tax authorities for individual merchants in Kobe, says a Japan contemporary. Shipping men are to pay another tax—the shipping war-profits tax. According to official figures, the largest assessment of such profits is given to Mr. Naruse Masayuki, amounting to ¥4,103,000. There is a very big gap between the first and the last, the latter being ¥533,000 for Mr. Sakaki Shuntaro, followed by Mr. Katanda Gijiro with ¥500,000. Mr. Naruse, carrying on his shipping business in his own personal name, while most other shipping men have converted the greater portion of their interests into juridical persons. This explains the great difference between the assessed profits of Mr. Naruse and the others, the figures above given representing only individual profits, not those of juridical persons. As in the case of ordinary war-profits, the tax on shipping war-profits is 15 per cent, chargeable on extra profits due to the war of over ¥3,000 a year.

ROBBIE'S LETTERS. IV.

To His Nephew in France.

Hongkong, 26th Sept. 1918.
Dear Allick,—Aye, but you laddies are doing fine work the now. As Sister — of the Convent said to me the other day, *Bonjour monsieur, bon nouveau*, and I said "fine" right off the reel. After we had a bit of a talk, mostly wi' our hands, and she had asked me what I thought was likely to happen at the front next year, I wasna' to be beat wi' my French, so I just rattled off "Oncore, oncore, wee, wee." Something must have been wrong wi' my pronunciation though, for I found out after that she thought I had said "Hongkong" twice, which would have been a silly thing to do anyway, even if I had mentioned the place. Well, I was sorry in any case that I had ever let on I knew French, for out of mistaken kindness, so to speak, she kept me busy for twenty minutes in the middle of Padder Street telling her 's'bout General Foch's plans, and how that one of these days we would see the German Armies rallying round the six young Hohenzollerns in their Berlin bomb proof. I mentioned as well about Bill now being against billions, but I couldn't have put it the right way for Sister only looked sad and said something about the terrible cost of the war. I got ma car after a bit let me tell you that the same Sister should have been on the War Propaganda Committee here, for she's done more to bring home the horrors of war than anybody else I know of in the Colony. As an example in this way, she could give Janet's long start and beat her easily. But I don't suppose for one minute that when the atrocities come to be reckoned up against the Huns, they'll be asked to pay compensation for this sort o' thing anyway. Aye, believe me this awfu' war has broken up many a good home in more ways than one, but talking about compensation and Sister — and her pour paroles reminds me about the remark o' the chap standing behind the man at the back of the big drum when the band stopped to get a rest.

"You don't make very good music wi' that instrument, my man," says he.

"No," admitted the drummer. "That's a fact, but on the other hand I drown a heap o' bad."

So you see I might have been doing worse things than making a French *faux pas*; I might have been standing as a bar.

Talking about that sort of thing reminds me that I heard the other day that there was a talk about the Government bringing in a Bill for restricting the hours for the sale of liquor in the Colony. This might be a very necessary measure of course, but I've no means o' judgin', so to speak, for Janet has long ago passed a private bill o' her own in this connection, but I'm willing to wager if ever this business gets into the Government, *Gazette* as an Ordinance that as aerial the excesses o' the few have outweighed the needs of the many. One thing I do know though, and that is, that there's no near the amount of hard drinking in Hongkong like there used to be; but in passing I would say off hand that there's been a great deal more irritating Sunday School Legislation of late than there ever was before. But may be I'm misjudging our hard worked but well-meaning officials, for no doubt if such a measure is brought in, it will be for the purpose o' keeping on the same lines as at home so as to increase the output o' war work in the Colony. What I say is never mind about our educational and our housing problems and our police that's being killed off for the want o' police, let's get on wi' our war work and give the trees at Fasting a proper chance.

Janet says if I would write less about the Government and tell you the news—about Macpherson spraining his ankle for instance—it might help to cheer you up a bit in they dirty wet trenches.

Between ourselves, Janet's idea of news is what she reads in the Local and General about Harry Leader getting a chill in the knee and how John Macpherson got seriously ill wi' a cold. She doesn't know that the newspapers must put something in somehow. But Macpherson can wait a bit anyway—public affairs come before a sprained ankle any day.

As I was saying, you'll mind that sometime ago I was telling ye about the allowances the Government was going to make to the wives and families of our conscripts—the married ones I mean. Well, as I said at the time, it was a very ill-advised arrangement, for it only stirred up ill feeling among a very well-doing section of the community. Well the least said about it the better, for the more you tramp on dirt, the dirtier your boots get, so to speak, but like the stone thrown into the water, the extent of the ripple depends entirely on the extent of the water and the weight of the stone. Mark my words, this particular ripple hasn't reached its fullest extent yet; it's even affecting Red Cross Work and War Charities, for because of this stupid blunder the members of a certain very willing and helpful little society in Kowloon have taken exception to this business o' makin' fish o' one and flesh o' another, and as a result has downed tools, so to speak, and are quite willing that their blue blooded sisters should carry on. It's a great pity, for this society has been doing their little bit ever since the beginning of war, no only making a kind o' things but paying monthly subscriptions into the bazaar. Some time ago Queen Mary said: "If every woman does not make one garment every week, our soldiers must suffer." So I'm hoping notwithstanding a' that's been said, that they'll carry on till the boys come home.

St. Andrew's Society had its annual meeting last week. Macpherson couldn't go, of course, him having his sprained ankle. It was a sore disappointment and from the way he went on, I thought he'd sprain his intellect as well, before he was through. No! that Macpherson ever says anything at the meetings, but there's aye a chance of seconding a motion and getting his name in the papers. M-u, he's just like a wean at times. He was very anxious of course that I should go, but a promise is a promise and I had said that I would take wee Jean to see Charlie Chaplin at the Matinee. Still, though I warn a' at the meeting I didna' do bad for I took my book o' tickets wi' me and sold three before I got home. I couldn't have done that if I'd gone to the meeting anyway.

Well I saw from the papers next day that they're going to have a Fair on Heather Day again this year, and I believe they've got plenty o' real heather for the occasion. They fixed up the new lot o' office barbers and committee as usual, but there's one very respected old member of the Society and a regular attendee of their meetings that I would like to see honoured by being elected to the Committee. But human memory is short and unless ye've just had a cocktail at the Club wi' the men ye're going to propose ye're apt to forget—and this man I'm referring to doesn't drink cocktails anyway. There was some talk I see about getting some o' the officials to turn out in their kilts on Fair Day but I'm thinking they'd no be very keen to appear in the national garb; there's something terribly a-wanting about a kilt.

I mind once after I was married getting my photograph taken in the kilt. I couldn't tell ye the whole story for my memory wasn't what it might have been at times in my younger days. Okayway, I took home the photograph to Janet expecting at least that she'd have it framed and put in the parlour. But when Janet got it in her hand ye'd have thought it was a plague-stricken rat. "Who's this?" says she. "Me," says I, "and the man that took it said it was a speak ing likeness."

Well, said she, quietly, it's a humbling sight."

Yours truly,
ROBBIE MACPHERSON.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

The appeal from France for old golf clubs, for officers' resting at the base, may tempt forth some ancient specimens of sticks that ultimately might adorn golfing reliquaries. Such a collection of rare bygone types, both clubs and balls, is possessed by the Royal and Ancient at St. Andrews. The late Lord Wemyss, who had an intense prejudice against cutting the turf, played with the wooden buff of a hundred and more years ago, rather than countenance iron clubs. He did in the end, however, compromise with a metal putter, and he even invested for himself a kind of brassie.

The traditional cosmopolitanism of American diet seems to be endangered by the war. Dishes with German names, at any rate, are losing their attractiveness on the menu, so much so that Mr. Hoover, the Food Administrator, has felt it necessary to interpose in behalf of *auserkraut*. He regrets to hear that, throughout the United States, "men and women, in their patriotic zeal, have been spreading a strong propaganda" to discourage its use. In his judgment, the dish which has thus fallen upon evil days is a "valuable foodstuff," as adding to the variety of ways in which cabbage may be prepared. Accordingly, by increasing the American consumption of cabbage, a perishable article, it would release a larger quantity of non-perishable foods for export abroad. Mr. Hoover's characteristic tact shines forth once more in his remark that, after all, *auserkraut* "is said to be of Dutch rather than of German origin." With this assurance, even the Haystack Wilsons of America will surely be content to treat this once popular vegetable preparation as an inoffensive neutral.

When Captain Sylvester, of the torpedoed hospital ship *Lancaster*, passed his pipe to a doctor, he said: "All the men in this boat could have a draw he followed what was a very early custom of smoking in this country. Aubrey, writing in the time of Charles II., gives a brief glimpse of this old practice of sharing the pipe. He remarks that he had heard his grandfather say that when sucking was first introduced to these islands one pipe was handed from man to man round about the table. "They had first silver pipes; the ordinary sort made use of a walnut shell and a straw."

President Wilson's appeal to the coal miners ought to come as a timely warning says the *New York Evening Post*. Mr. Wilson asks: the producers to avert a famine by unremitting hard work. We know that at the mines and on the railroads all efforts will be made to bring every ounce of available coal to market. But what we do not know is the disposition being made of our share of this coal as it arrives in New York. It has been calculated that 8,000 tons weekly are used here during the winter by the small consumer, that is to say, the consumer who buys by the pile, from day to day, who has no storage room for his winter's supply of fuel. We remember last winter long lines of men, women, and children waiting at the yards with buckets, snotles, and pails. The average New Yorker asks himself, has this 8,000 tons weekly, or approximately 200,000 tons for the whole winter, been ordered, and is it being delivered and stored now? We know that \$300,000, about one fifth of the sum necessary for the purchase of the whole amount, has been appropriated by the city, and that coal for this \$300,000 has been ordered. But we have not even been informed whether this smaller quantity is being delivered and stored. Decidedly, a statement as to the actual situation, showing to what extent the small-pail consumer has been provided for, is due from the authorities. Any serious suffering in many homes, as the President puts it, next winter will bring down indignation on the responsible officials of the city.

COMPANY REPORT.

The Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd.

The report of the above Company, for presentation to shareholders at the twenty-second ordinary yearly meeting, to be held at the Company's Depot, 2, Lower Albert Road, on Saturday, the 5th October, at noon, states:—

The Directors herewith present to the shareholders, a statement of the Company's accounts for the year ending 31st July, 1918.

The profit for the year, with the amount brought forward from last account, after writing off \$20,384.24 for depreciation and bad and doubtful debts, and providing for Directors' fees, amounts to \$158,431.59 from which it is proposed to pay a dividend of two dollars per share, amounting to \$200,000; to add \$20,000 to the Reserve; to transfer to Fire and Typhoon Insurance Fund \$10,000 and to carry forward \$8,431.59.

Capital.—During the year under review the uncalled balance of the Company's capital viz \$90,000 was called up as sanctioned at the meeting of shareholders held on 6th October, 1917. Consequently upon the purchase of the Hongkong Ice Company, Limited, the Company's capital was increased by extraordinary resolution passed on 7th May, 1918, from \$150,000 to \$355,000.00 by the creation of 54,000 new shares of £7.50 each fully paid.

Directors.—Messrs. J. Scott Harrison and W. S. Brown retire by rotation but are eligible for re-election. Dr. J. W. Noble retired, in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association. Sir C. P. Chater, Kt. C.M.G., and Mr. L. N. Leese have joined the Directorate.

Audit.—The annexed accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., who offers himself for re-election.

W. S. BROWN, Chairman.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1918.

Profit and Loss Account.

To Directors' Fees...	7,000.00
To Repairs and Renewals...	18,458.67
To Land Cultivation and Improvements...	4,125.99
To Loss on Subsidiary Coins...	489.59
To Legal Expenses re call of Capital 1917...	975.73
To Donation to War Charities...	2,500.00
To Amount written off Buildings and Property...	\$13,902.88
Furniture, Fittings and Machinery...	14,286.42
Bad and Doubtful Debts...	1,194.94
Balance...	20,384.24
	158,431.59
	\$221,365.81

By Balance from last year...

By Interest, etc...	4,102.89
By Scrip Fees...	232.12
By Balance of Working Account...	45.00
	216,988.00
	\$221,365.81

Balance Sheet.

Capital: 114,000 Shares at \$7.50 each...	\$855,000.00
Less shown in Ice Department Report of even date...	405,000.00
	\$450,000.00

Cattle Reserve...

Fire and Typhoon Insurance Fund...	50,000.00
Equalisation of Dividend Fund...	20,000.00
Accounts Payable...	78,351.92
Balance of Profit and Loss Account...	158,431.59
	\$836,783.51

Cattle...

Buildings and Property...

Less written off 31st July, 1918...

13,902.88

245,601.33

Furniture, Fittings and Machinery...

Less written off 31st July, 1918...

14,286.42

32,902.00

Hongkong, 11th September, 1918.

THE FORGERY CASE.

Further Evidence This Morning.

The case in which Fong Kam was charged with forgery on ten counts was resumed at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, Inspector J. J. Watt presided.

Un Ying Fook, partner in the Tai Fung Cheong, deposed that he lived at No. 101, Des Voeux Road, third floor. He did not take an active part in the management of the firm. The three letters produced were for him. One of the letters was addressed to his friend in the country, and was sent through his care. He knew the Tai Fung Firm of Mexico. He corresponded with them. The letters were never delivered to him. He did not authorise anybody to open his letters. He did not know the contents of the covers. He never saw them. The letter produced was written by a father to his son who is staying in the country. The writer of the letter told the addressee to go to the Wy Loong shop and he would receive a draft for \$100 through the Tai Fung Cheong. If he had received the letter he would have forwarded the cheque. One of the letters produced was for a man in the country. If he received the letter he would not have opened it, but forward it to the addressee. The last letter was also addressed by a father to a son enclosing \$55. It was not from the same man as the first. If he got the letter he would receive \$3 as commission and remit the \$52 to the address. He had no dealings with the defendant, as he was only a servant and when witness had any work he would get the defendant to do it; otherwise he was subject to the shop accountants' orders. He did not keep the firm's chop. The firm had ten partners and when he wanted to use the firm's chop he would have to ask for it. The firm kept a register of letters. Those which appeared there meant that he had received them from the firm, for which he had to sign.

Ho Yung Lsi deposed that he was a clerk in the Tai Fung Cheong firm. He lived in the shop's premises. A letter which was produced was addressed to him. He corresponded with a Mr. Hall in California. He never received the letter at all. It advised him of a remittance of \$120 to a certain man in the country, and if he received it he would have forwarded it. The money would have to be divided between three persons; two would receive \$50 and the other \$15. There would be a balance of \$5 which was given him as commission. He had authorised a certain man named Ho Lin to open his letters; but not the defendant.

The case was adjourned till Monday at 3 p.m.

American Shipyard Burned.

A Lloyd's cable from New Orleans reports that the entire plant of the Orange Maritime Corporation, Orange (Louisiana), including three schooners under construction, was destroyed by fire on July 4.

Steam Launch and Motor Boat...

Share Investments...

Accounts Receivable...

Stocks on Hand (as per valuations)...

\$836,783.51

M. MANUE, Secretary.

W. S. BROWN, L. ROBERT, Directors.

I report that I have audited the above Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers of the Company in Hongkong, and in my opinion each Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs on the 31st July, 1918, according to the best of my information and the explanations given and as shown by the Books of the Company.

I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required.

H. PERCY SMITH, F.C.A., Auditor.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1918.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders issued to-day by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant, state:—

Strength. No. 685 Pte. G. Ireland, "B" Company, is permitted to resign, on the recommendation of a Medical Board, dated 20th September, 1918.

Leave. No. 454 Spr. F. Syme Thomson "A" Coy (attached Eng. Coy.), is granted leave for the duration of the war, to date from day of departure.

Reversion. No. 292 A/Lance Corporal C. F. V. Ribeiro, "A" Coy attached Engineer Coy, reverts to the ranks at his own request, dated 21.9.18.

Transfer. No. 292 Pte. O. F. V. Ribeiro is transferred from "A" Coy. to the Engineer Coy. dated 22.9.18.

Attached. Pte. G. Nelson, I. D. F., attached M. Gun Coy., is attached to "D" Coy, from 22.9.18.

Monthly State of Strength. O. Co. are reminded that the monthly state of strength is to reach the Orderly Room not later than noon on 30th instant.

Addresses and Telephone Numbers.

All ranks are reminded that changes of address or telephone numbers must be notified to the Adjutant immediately they occur.

Medical Certificates. Medical certificates must be sent to the Officer Commanding the unit concerned immediately after receipt.

Equipment Board. The Board will sit at Headquarters from 5.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the following dates:—Friday, October, 11th; Monday, October, 21st; Thursday, October 31st.

Artillery Orders. Orders for Artillery Company by Captain J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D., state:—Parades at Belchers Battery:—

Monday, 30th Sept.—5.30 p.m., left Half Coy. Fall drill.

Tuesday, 1st Oct.—7.30 a.m., Right Half Coy. New Layers' Class only.

Thursday, 3rd Oct.—5.30 p.m., Left Half Coy. New D.R.F. Class only.

Friday, 4th Oct.—7.30 a.m., Right Half Coy. Fall drill. 5.30 p.m., Left Half Coy. New Layers' Class only.

Engineer Orders.

Orders for Engineer Company by Captain F. W. James state:—

D.E.L. duties.—Parades as per rosters posted at Headquarters. On and from 1st Oct. Engine Drivers at 5.45 p.m. Electricians at 6 p.m.

Officers next for duty.—Belchers, 2nd Lt. Marley, Lyemman, 2nd Lt. Templeton, Stonecutters, 2nd Lt. Brown.

Instruction for higher ratings and N.C.O.s and men of the Infantry Battalion attached for duty.—Class 1, at Belchers at 5.30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays for all who have not passed the "Proficient" rate (I) examination. Class 2, at Belchers at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays for all N.C.O.s and men of higher ratings, under Staff Sergeant. Overdone and Parsons, R. E., and Sergt. Day H. K. D. G. Class 3, at Lyemman at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, under Q. M. S. White and Staff Sergt. Barclay, R. E.

Detail of Belchers Reliefs for October, and detail of duties at Lyemman from 1st to 18th October inclusive are posted at Headquarters for information of all concerned.

Infantry Orders.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

"A" COMPANY.

Monday 30th Sept.—5.15 p.m., No. 3 Platoon (Men who have not passed Part 1—to be notified by Platoon Commander), at King's Park Range, Annual Musketry Course, Part 1 Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Tuesday, 1st Oct.—5.30 p.m., No. 2 Platoon on Polo Ground. Fall in at Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by tram to Causeway Bay. Fire Discipline training. Dress, Drill order with pouches and dummies.

Wednesday, 2nd Oct.—5.15 p.m., No. 3 Platoon at King's Park Range, Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 8 and 9 Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Thursday, 3rd Oct.—5.30 p.m., At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, Drill order without rifle.

Friday, 4th Oct.—5.15 p.m., At Kennedy Road Range (Men who have not passed) T. E. T. Grouping. Dress, Drill order without rifle.

SIGNALING SECTION.

Tuesday, 1st Oct.—5.15 p.m., At Kennedy Road Range (Men who have not passed) T. E. T. Grouping. Dress, Drill order without rifle.

RECRUITS.

Monday, 30th Sept. and Friday, 4th Oct.—5.30 p.m. Recruits of all units except "D" Company, on Murray Parade Ground, under Sergt. Orberry (Monday) and Edwards (Friday). Dress, Drill order.

Detail.

On duty, 20th Sept., No. 3 Platoon, Mounted Section and Signalling Sec. (4); 30th Sept., No. 4 Platoon, (6); 30th Sept.,

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Thursday, 3rd Oct.—5.15 p.m. No. 4 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course. Part 3, Practices, 13, 14 and 19 Dress, Drill order with pouches. Friday, 4th Oct.—5.15 p.m. No. 3 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course. Part 2, Practices 10 and 11. Dress, Drill order with pouches. 5.30 p.m. No. 1 Platoon on Murray Parade Ground. Squad Drill. Dress, Drill order.

"B" COMPANY.

Tuesday, 1st Oct.—5.30 p.m. No. 5 Platoon on Polo Ground. Fall in at Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by tram to Causeway Bay. T. E. T. Dress, Drill order with pouches and dummies. All exempted men are to attend this parade (unless all Tests have been completed). 5.15 p.m. No. 8 Platoon (N.C.O.s and men as detailed by Platoon Commander) at Kowloon Docks. T. E. T.

Wednesday, 2nd Oct.—5.15 p.m. No. 6 Platoon, Nos. 5 and 6 Sections (Men who have not passed), at Kennedy Road Range. T. E. T. Grouping. Dress, Drill order without rifle. 5.15 p.m. No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters. Quarry Bay men will parade at 5.30 p.m. T. E. T. Dress, Drill order with pouches and dummies.

Thursday, 3rd Oct.—5.15 p.m. No. 3 Platoon (N.C.O.s and men as detailed by Platoon Commander) at Kowloon Docks. T. E. T.

Friday, 4th Oct.—5.15 p.m. No. 6 Platoon, Nos. 7 and 8 Sections at Kennedy Road Range. T. E. T. Grouping. Dress, Drill order without rifle.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Monday, 30th Sept.—5.15 p.m. Men who have not passed Part 1 to be notified by O.C. at King's Park Range, Annual Musketry Course, Part 1. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Tuesday, 1st Oct.—5.15 p.m. Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 gun teams at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course Part 3, Practices 13, 14 and 19. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Wednesday, 2nd Oct.—5.15 p.m. No. 1 gun team at King's Park Range, Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 10 and 11. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Note.—Any change of address, telephone number, rifle or equipment number is to be notified to O. C. M. S. Petley without delay.

MOUNTED SECTION.

Monday, 30th Sept.—5.15 p.m. At Kennedy Road Range (Men who have not passed) T. E. T. Grouping. Dress, Drill order without rifle.

Thursday, 3rd Oct.—5.30 p.m. At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, Drill order without rifle.

SIGNALING SECTION.

Tuesday, 1st Oct.—5.15 p.m. At Kennedy Road Range (Men who have not passed) T. E. T. Grouping. Dress, Drill order without rifle.

RECRUITS.

Monday, 30th Sept. and Friday, 4th Oct.—5.30 p.m. Recruits of all units except "D" Company, on Murray Parade Ground, under Sergt. Orberry (Monday) and Edwards (Friday). Dress, Drill order.

Detail.

On duty, 20th Sept., No. 3 Platoon, Mounted Section and Signalling Sec. (4); 30th Sept., No. 4 Platoon, (6); 30th Sept.,

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Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Beard state:—Uniform.—All Cadets requiring uniform will report at Headquarters at 5 p.m. on Monday 20th instant, in uniform. Dress.—Service Caps and tunics will be worn to all parades after 5 p.m. in future. Parades.—Monday, 30th Sept.—5.15 p.m. Nos 1 and 2 Sections, fall in Headquarters. 5.15 p.m. Band Practice at Headquarters. Wednesday, 2nd Oct.—5.15 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections fall in at Yau-mai Football Ground. 5.15 p.m. Band Practice at Headquarters.

Cadet Orders.

Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Beard state:—

Uniform.—All Cadets requiring uniform will report at Headquarters at 5 p.m. on Monday 20th instant, in uniform.

Dress.—Service Caps and tunics will be worn to all parades after 5 p.m. in future.

Parades.—Monday, 30th Sept.—5.15 p.m. Nos 1 and 2 Sections, fall in Headquarters. 5.15 p.m. Band Practice at Headquarters. Wednesday, 2nd Oct.—5.15 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections fall in at Yau-mai Football Ground. 5.15 p.m. Band Practice at Headquarters.

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	*Aki Maru T. 12,300	SATUR., 19th Oct., at 11 a.m.
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SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	*Shwah-wu T. 8,500	MONDAY, 30th Sept.

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SHANGHAI	Kaifong	28th Sept. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Sunning	3rd Oct. at 3 p.m.
NEWCHWANG	Wenchow	4th Oct. at daylight
TIENTSIN	Huichow	7th Oct. at 3 p.m.

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Hongkong Sept. 27, 1918.

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Steamer	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	To
Nias	San Foo, Jap.	in port	28th Sept.	Java ports.
Tjiuwong	Kobe & Moji	28th Sept.	30th Sept.	Macassar
Tjikini	Amoy	30th Sept.	4th Oct.	Java ports
Tjimanock	Chinwantao	29th Sept.	1st Oct.	Java ports
Tjilatjap	Macassar	3rd Oct.	5th Oct.	Yokohama

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Haihong	J. W. Evans	27th Sept. at 1 p.m.
Haitan	A. E. Hodgins	4th Oct. at 1 p.m.

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MANILA	Yuensang	Fri., 27th Sept. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Wingsang	Tues., 1st Oct. at daylight
HAIPHONG	Loksang	Tues., 1st Oct. at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	Mausang	Tues., 1st Oct. at noon
MANILA	Loongsang	Fri., 4th Oct. at 3 p.m.

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A Famous Painting.

It is announced that the oil-
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Portsmouth Harbour, presented
by Mrs. Dewette of Yokohama,
has been sold by Captain F.
Watson, the Kobe Agent of the
M.M.S.A., for Y.500. Under
Captain Watson's able direction
the Kobe Fund of the Association,
for the benefit of which the
picture was sold, is now nearing
the handsome total of Y.10,000.

Japanese Plans at Tientsin.

It is learned that the Japanese
authorities are taking steps to
reclaim the wide tract of tideland
lying to the north-eastward of
Tientsin on which it is proposed
to erect godowns and factories.
The new reclamation extends
from the rear of the break-water
to the installations of the
Standard Oil and Asiatic Pet-
roleum Company and it is
understood that the oil companies
have been offered Tia. 2,000,000
to cover the expenses of the
removal of their installations.

Japanese Steamer Wrecked.

A few days ago it was reported
that the Japanese steamer
Sakaki-maru had stranded off
Cuba, and that though the crew
of 62 were rescued, the master
had committed suicide by jumping
overboard. The identity of the
steamer was not then definitely
known, but it has now been
ascertained that the vessel was
not the Sakaki-maru but the
Sakanoo-maru, 3,187 tons. This
steamer is owned by the Kishi-
moto Kisen Kaisha, of Osaka,
being one of the steamers
chartered to the American Gov-
ernment. She was delivered to
the American authorities at
Seattle at the end of May, and
on June 3rd left for a South
American port, carrying cargo
according to the instructions of
the American Government. She
stranded in a thick fog off Cuba
on August 19th, but all hands
were rescued. Captain Yama-
moto Jituzo, in command of the
ship, at first refused to leave her,
but he is also reported safe, so
the report about the master
committing suicide is untrue.
According to information received
by the Kishimoto Kisen Kaisha,
there is no hope of saving the
stranded steamer.

German Shipbuilding.

Latest information in regard to
merchant shipbuilding in Ger-
many says a special correspondent
of the "Journal of Commerce"
is to the effect that the Hamburg-
America Line is building at
Hamburg the steamships Bismarck,
56,000 tons, Tirpitz, 32,000
tons, and three others of 22,000
tons each. The North German
Lloyd is building at Stettin two
large fastboats, viz., the Columbus
and Hindenburg, 35,000 tons
each, as well as the Munchen
and Zeppelin, of 16,000 tons each,
and twelve ships of 12,000 tons.
The Hamburg-Southern America
Line is building at different yards
the Cap Polonio, 18,000 tons; and
four additional cargo steamers.
The Hansa Line is building
twelve steamers. The Kosmos
Line ten steamers; and The
Africa Line six steamers, all
varying between 9,000 and 13,000
tons. It is further stated that at
Bremen nine steamers, of which
four have a carrying capacity of
12,000 tons each, are being built;
of Flensburg three large pas-
senger and cargo steamers and
two other steamers, each of 15,000
tons; and, finally, at Geestemunde
two cargo steamers of 17,000 tons
each are being constructed for
Panama Canal traffic. These
figures, if correct, give a total of
950,000 tons now building for the
large and medium-sized com-
panies. The same informant also
reports that there is much
activity at the ports on the Baltic
Sea. Three new shipyards have
been constructed at Lubeck. The
Rosstock shipowners have placed
orders at different yards for the
building of thirteen steamers of a
total tonnage of 50,000 tons, and
four Flensburg shipowners have
ordered steamers of a total
tonnage of 32,000 tons.

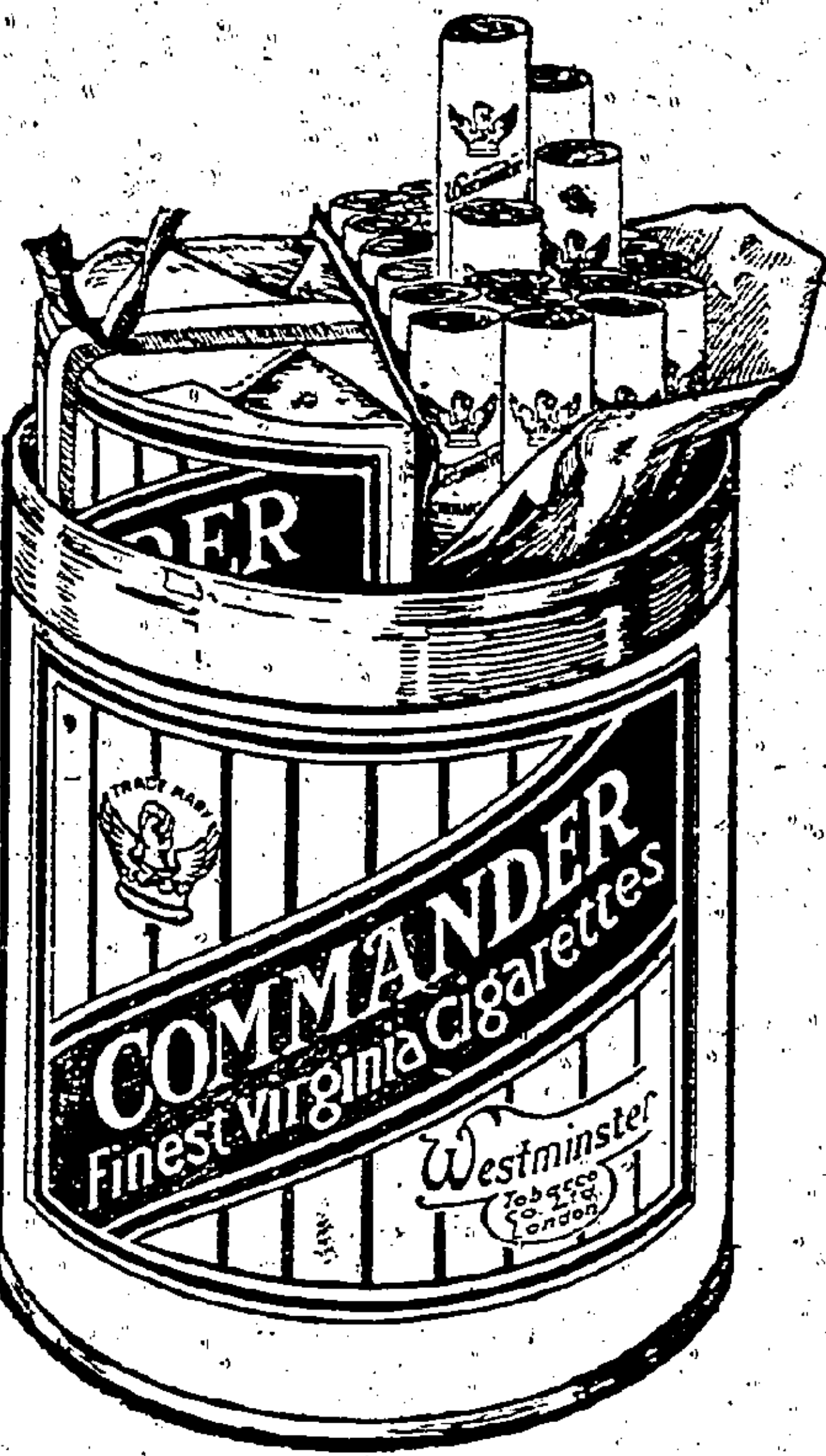
The "Curette."

We are threatened with another
new word as the result of the war.
A lady writes to a London paper
suggesting that women be allowed
to run the obnoxious "L" in
the curate's go and fight and let
the curate conduct the prayers
and parish work for the duration
of the war. The suggestion is
made for the purpose of saving
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On and after May 1st 1918, Imperial Postal Orders will be cashed in India at the rate of 1/6 to the rupee.

No official letter addressed to Abadan, Amur or Mohammara in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

The Parcel Post Service to the Portuguese Colonies in West Africa and to Spanish Offices in Morocco (except for Prisoners-of-War) is suspended.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Siberia and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

Parcels for Greece cannot be accepted for transmission unless accompanied by a special permit issued by the British Minister at Athens.

Uninsured parcels for the United Kingdom will in future be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the Public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.

Letters franked at the 4 cent rate addressed to Russia and Mesopotamia and other places in the Province of Yunnan should be superscribed with the words "For delivery by the Chinese Post Office."

Until further notice parcels for civil addresses in the provinces of Udine, Vicenza, Treviso, Padova, Venezia, and Belluno in Italy will not be accepted for transmission unless posted under the British War Office Permit.

The Parcel Post Service to British East Africa and Egypt (except for members of the Expeditionary Forces) and to Abyssinia, Bagdad, Eritrea, French Somali Coast, Italian Somaliland, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia have been suspended.

The charge for customs duty on type samples of manufactured tobacco not exceeding 6 oz. in gross weight, and on samples of spirits (except pipe fumes) not exceeding 12 oz. in gross weight imported into the United Kingdom by post has now been increased to 15/6d and 15/4d respectively.

The importation by post into Japan of foreign rice, except such as may be imported by the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce and the persons designated by him, is prohibited.

The prohibition is not applicable to rice imported into Taiwan (Formosa) and Karabato (Japanese Saghalien).

From the 1st May 1918 there will be three General deliveries daily from the District Post Offices except on Sunday and Holidays when there will be one delivery only.

The hours of delivery will be as follows:—Week days 9 a.m. 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Sundays and Holidays noon.

The importation into the Commonwealth of Australia of tea, other than that grown or produced in British Possessions is prohibited, unless the consent in writing of the Commonwealth Minister for Trade and Customs has been first obtained.

Information has been received from the Director General of Posts and Telegraphs Tokyo, that on and after 1st April 1918, the Post Office of Japan will collect a demurrage charge from the addressee of parcels on which Customs duties or inland taxes are imposed in Japan, not withdrawn from the Post Office within 20 days from the date of the notice of their arrival to be sent to the addressee.

Telegraphic information has been received from London that packets of Sugar not exceeding one pound in weight may still be sent by parcel post to the United Kingdom and that such packets are admitted to the United Kingdom free of import licence or customs duty.

On 1st September, 1918, the rates of postage chargeable in India on letters for all places abroad to which the rates of 1 anna per ounce was previously applicable were raised to 1/2 anna for each ounce and 1 anna for each additional ounce.

The postage on letters to Naval and Military addresses was not raised.

Registered and Parcel Mail close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO-MORROW.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, Bombay, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Suez—23rd Sept, 9 a.m.

Saigon—23rd Sept, 1 p.m.
Saigon—23rd Sept., 2 p.m.
Shanghai and North China—23rd Sept., 2 p.m.

Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya, and Port Moresby via Batavia—23rd Sept., 3 p.m.

Hai Phong—23rd Sept., 3 p.m.
SUNDAY, 29th September.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou via Keelung—29th Sept., 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 30th September.
Shanghai and North China—30th Sept., 11 a.m.

TUESDAY, 1st October.
Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya, and Port Moresby via Batavia—1st Oct., 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd October.
Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Hongkong, United States, Central & S. America & Europe via San Francisco—2nd Oct., Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou—2nd Oct., 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, 3rd October.
Shanghai and North China—3rd Oct., 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, 4th October.
Shanghai—7th Sept., 3 p.m.

WEATHER REPORT.

September 27th, 12th. (Sun.—No returns from Japan and Vladivostok. Changes of pressure are slight at all stations reporting; a relatively low area covers the China Sea. An anticyclone of moderate intensity is probably central over Japan.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.55 inches. Total since January 1st 1914 inches against an average of 74.77 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast
Hongkong to Gap Rock	E. wind, moderate; cloudy, occasional rain.
Formosa Channel	Variable winds, moderate.
South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook	The same as No. 1.
South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register—Sept. 27, a.m.

Station	Hour	Barometer	Temperature	Humidity	Winds	Direction	Force	Weather
Vostock	5a	29.98	64	100	ase.	10		
Nemuro	5a	29.98	63	91	se	2b		
Halokate	5a	29.98	71	86	e	10		
Kochi	5a	29.94	76	86	se	1b		
Nagasaki	5a	29.98	72	92	00			
Kobe	5a	29.99	72	92	0b			
Yokohama	5a	29.98	71	91	1b			
Osaka	5a	29.98	70	90	0b			
Edo	5a	29.98	73	90	0b			
Manila	5a	29.90	77	87	e	30		
Amoy	5a	29.87	77	85	n	40		
Swatow	5a	29.88	73	88	nne	4r		
Falhook	5a	29.86	75	88	n	2r		
Shanghai	5a	29.87	77	89	waw	20		
Amoy	5a	29.89	75	89	10			
Manila	5a	29.87	75	95	00			
Legaspi	5a	29.85	77	89	nne	2b		
Maclean	5a	29.86	73	88	nne	4r		
Surigao	5a	29.88	73	88	nne	4r		
Labuan	5a	29.84	78	91	sw	20		

C. W. JEFFRIES—Chief Assistant—Hongkong Observatory, Sept. 27, 1918.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

6 State of Weather, by blue sky, a detached cloud, a drizzling mist, a fog, a gloomy, hazy, lightning, or overcast; passing showers, squally, rain, a snow, thunder, visibility, a dew wet.

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Brass and iron bedsteads, double and single wardrobes with mirrors, dressing tables, washstand, toilet crockery, etc., etc.

Also

1 Iron bath.

A few pieces Blackwood-ware.

And

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18 do Liquid Red Lead

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170 kegs Mid Chrome & Black Paint

45 kegs Light Red Oxide

Also

A Large Quantity of Rock-glass enamel in a variety of colours, Floorcoats, wood stains and Varnol paint.

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14 1/2" 3"

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THE Ordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices at NOON on SATURDAY the 19th of October 1918.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th of October both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAMPAKE & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th September, 1918.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 5th prox. both days inclusive.

Warrants for the Interim Dividend can be obtained at the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings on and after MONDAY 7th October, 1918.

By Order of the Board,

R. M. DYER, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1918.

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